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COMIREX SUBCOMMITTEE
For
EXPLOITATION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Minutes of Meeting Held in IAS Conference Room
0900-1230, Wednesday, 15 October 1969

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1. The scheduled ACDA briefing was not held. The Chairman took the opportunity to discuss the informal consideration before the committee for ACDA representation to EXRAND as observer. (EXRAND had not yet received a formal request from higher authority in ACDA for such

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consideration--only the knowledge of intent.) EXRAND membership recommended that observer status not be extended to ACDA at this time. The Chairman stated he would inform the Chairman of COMIREX of this recommendation.

2. Approval of Minutes

EXRAND-M-25 of 10 September was approved after corrections were made as follows in paragraph 4b; delete "59K" in line three; 940 Light Table vice "1540" in last line.

3. Announcements

a. The Air Force member provided handouts of the [REDACTED] dry process (non-silver) rapid access printer to the members. The Chairman noted that it appeared to have valuable applications. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] remarked that the existence of the equipment had been made known to EXRAND earlier. SAC now has the prototype and is using it under operational conditions.

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c. [REDACTED] mentioned that he had attended a classified briefing by [REDACTED] concerning Near Real Time reconnaissance media which was directed toward the future challenges. He also recommended attendance, when possible, at an IBM briefing on computer technology (19th & M Streets, N.W.).

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d. As a result of the EXRAND trip to Beale AFB, 9th SRW, for the SR-71 system, all members were enjoined to provide critique information to the DIA member as individuals representing their own commands/agencies.

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The EXRAND Executive Secretary prepared and distributed the trip report, but no attempt was made in the context to provide recommendations speaking for the body of EXRAND.

e. The Chairman asked the NPIC member to get clearance for, and provide for a short briefing on two NPIC developments: (1) Wide Field High Power Anamorphic Microstereoscope; (2) Image Comparison Microstereoscope. He was requested to provide the information at the next regular meeting of EXRAND if NPIC authorities concurred.

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f. The Chairman had asked [REDACTED] to brief COMIREX on the accomplishments of procurement coordination of exploitation equipment. [REDACTED] asked that the briefing be given to EXRAND prior to presentation to COMIREX. [REDACTED] gave a resume of his proposed briefing. Considerable discussion followed. It was agreed that [REDACTED] would outline the terms of reference of the "Procurement Coordinating Team" followed by specific cases which had saved the Government money and efforts. The members agreed that EXRAND would hear reports from the Team on an annual basis for reiteration to COMIREX. The Team will also present updating information every six months to EXRAND in order to keep all members informed.

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h. [REDACTED] mentioned the existence of a USAF Ultra-Violet Imaging project--a very high resolution, non-silver copying film. Contact him for further information.

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k. [] announced USAF in-house testing on plastic film spools to replace the metal. He gave a status report on the F698 film titler by [] This very rapid-operating machine is now at the Tactical Air Command for final test reports.

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4. Old Business

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a. [] reported that his Team would meet today at 1300.

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b. [] said he had little to report on the status of the Technical Task Team because he needed some corrected inputs prior to publication of the report. Once the report is published, the Technical Task Team will make continuing revisions and review and update EXRAND objectives. The R&D report would be tied to the objectives. [] stated that the Team had brought out a very important factor in its

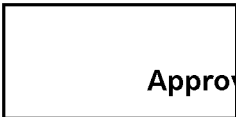
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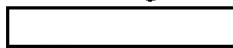
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preliminary report; the non-use of EXRAND objectives by the DoD. He recommended that the DIA member attempt to place the EXRAND objectives in channels which will result in DoD recognition and adoption in its directives. [redacted] said he would try to bring the matter to higher authority.

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c. [redacted] provided information on a proposed new acquisition system with a 1/8" focal length requiring dry process. A copy of the proposal will be sent to individual members for information.

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5. New Business

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a. [redacted] recommended that the excellent work done by [redacted] as Chairman of the Technical Task Team be recognized; that he be given a letter of commendation by the Chairman of EXRAND supported by the membership; all EXRAND representatives concurred with this proposition.

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b. [redacted] reported on the latest status of the 1540 light tables. He handed out a paper listing basic information and proposed the costs of the production models which could be used for planning purposes. NPIC has selected [redacted] for the production models but has included [redacted] for possible alternate or parallel procurements if certain specifications are followed and costs are competitive. [redacted] raised a number of questions on model options and costs and related the deep concern of the Community over procurement cost estimates and timeliness of orders. The budgeting of the agencies and services depend upon NPIC for procurement costs and production schedules. During the discussion on requirements [redacted] stated that the table was a NPIC project with requirements and specifications based upon NPIC needs, but that the details of the project itself were known by others in the Community through early coordination. [redacted] also stated that the prototype contained options which could later be dropped or modified during the procurement processes. Prices can accordingly be reduced. The schedule of procurement of production models will need to be coordinated with NPIC to take advantage of quantity price reduction. [redacted] also mentioned the need for several of the options on the light table by [redacted] and stated that those ordering the table should carefully weigh the options before deleting them from the procurement specifications. More discussions will take place at the next meeting when [redacted] will have more information on production models.

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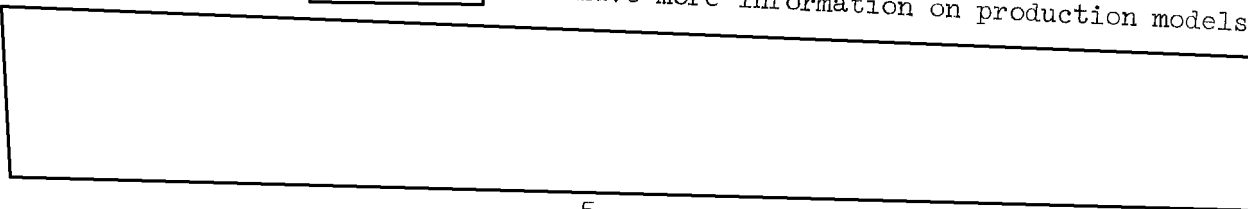
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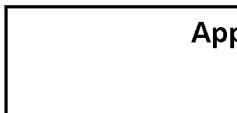
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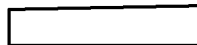
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d. The Chairman asked for comments on the suggestion that the job of Chairman be made a permanent full time assignment subsuming the present duties with that of the Executive Secretary. EXRAND unanimously concurred that the job could better be done with a permanent full time Chairman and a secretary. This will be conveyed to the Chairman of COMIREX for further discussion and action.

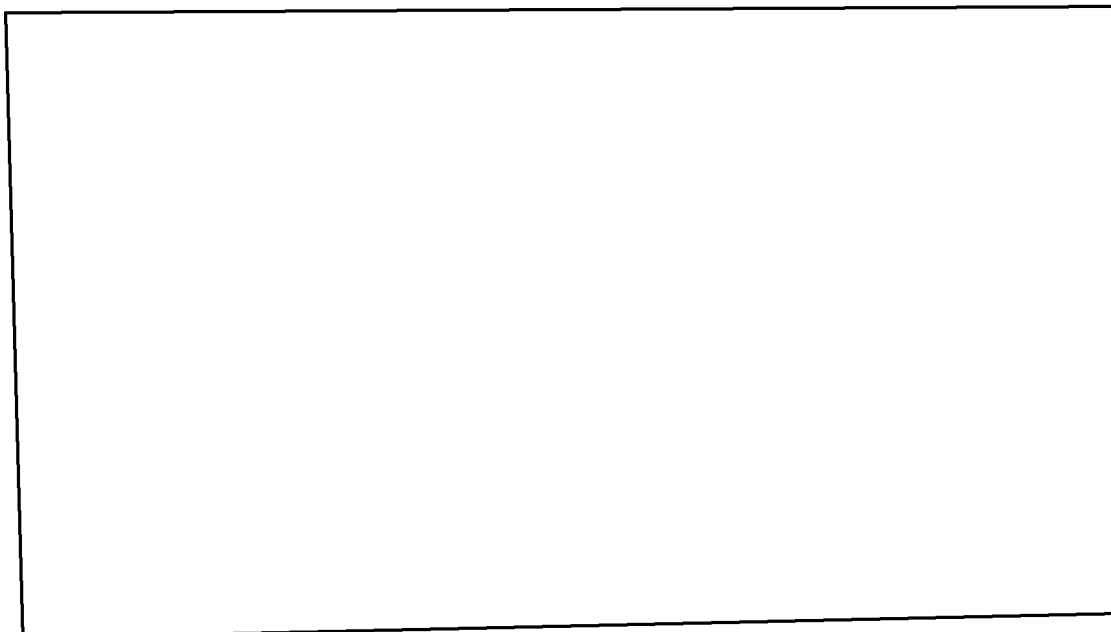
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